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THE LOCAL CHAPTERS

NEW YORK CHAPTER.—At Schermerhorn Hall, Columbia University, the New York Chapter assembled November 5 to hear the Mexican literary critic, poet and journalist, Señor José Juan Taboada discuss "Las Condiciones actuales en Méjico." Señor Taboada spoke most interestingly of the widespread educational movement initiated by the Mexican government. To supplement the instruction provided by the government, great numbers of educated citizens have registered to teach free of charge during their leisure hours.

At the session of December 3 President Barlow read a long, friendly letter from our ex-President, Mr. Lawrence A. Wilkins, giving us a most interesting picture of his experiences and impressions in Spain. The reading of the letter brought forth the same cordial applause that invariably followed Mr. Wilkins whenever he addressed the Chapter. Professor Juan Cueto of Columbia University entertained the members with a brief account of a journey through Spain.

Professor Federico de Onís presented the distinguished Spanish novelist, Don Ramón del Valle Inclán, who spoke briefly in response to the burst of enthusiastic applause that greeted him.

There was no formal address at the meeting of January 7. Mr. Julio Mercado, of Commercial High School, our delegate to the meeting of the National Association held in Washington during Christmas week, was unable to report because of the death of his young son. Resolutions of sympathy were adopted by the Chapter.

CHICAGO CHAPTER.—On Saturday, November 12, the members enjoyed four interesting all-Spanish numbers.

Miss Florence Stuart, who teaches Spanish in Lake View High School, gave a delightful talk on her last summer's trip through Spain.

Miss Ana Fernández, a young native of Asturias, who is now attending Senn High School after spending some time in Cuba and Mexico, gave her impressions of Spanish America.

Miss Corina Rodríguez of Costa Rica suggested in eloquent terms ways for fostering interest in Spanish American life.

Professor Cándido Satúe recited an original poem which was awarded first prize at a literary contest in Spain.

December 10 Mr. Peter F. Smith, Jr., a graduate student of the University of Chicago, who lived for a number of years in Cuba, gave in Spanish a graphic talk on the historical and industrial development of the Island.

KANSAS CHAPTER.—The third annual meeting of the Kansas Chapter was held in Topeka on November fourth, with the usual annual banquet at Pelletier's. Professor A. L. Owen, the retiring president, was toastmaster and toasts were given by Professor Thomas A. Fitz Gerald, Mr. Oscar Irizarry, Mr. Julio Solera, and Mr. A. B. Easterling. At the meeting which followed, this program was given: "El Instituto de las Españas en los Estados Unidos," by Professor José M. Osma: "The Trials of the Beginner," by Miss Zelina Morell; "The Spanish Teachers and the American Association," by

Professor Thomas A. Fitz Gerald; and "What To Do with the Reading Lesson," by Professor May Gardner. The last was followed by an open discussion.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Professor José M. Osma; Vice-President, Miss Marie Cranford; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Agnes M. Brady.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER.—The San Francisco Public Library was the host for the Northern California Chapter at the meeting of December 17, 1921.

Professor E. Buceta of the University of California gave an instructive talk on "The Present Day Drama in Spain," Señorita Paulina Alonso, of Chile, discussed "The Literary Spirit in the Spanish Business Man." The program concluded with a description by Miss Cora McGuire of "A School Teacher's Summer in Mexico."

On the 11th of February, 1922, the chapter met again at the San Francisco Public Library. Dr. Eduardo Payá gave a most interesting lecture on "The Place of Dramatics in Spanish Teaching," and Miss Euphrasie Molle spoke on "Spanish Clubs in High School Work."

TEXAS CHAPTER.—The October meeting was devoted entirely to the installation of the new officers and the discussion of future plans of the chapter.

A program on Mexico was presented in November. Miss Fannie Preston gave a talk on "The National University of Mexico." Miss Dorothy Schons spoke on "My Impressions of Mexico," and Miss Lillian Webster related some Mexican legends.

The December meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Kress. Miss Casís, of the University of Texas, spoke on "The Modern Language Situation in Texas." President Montgomery discussed the proceedings of the November meeting of the State Teachers' Association at Dallas. While refreshments were being served, Miss Ryan concluded the program with an account of her travels through Spanish America.

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THE DIRECTORY

The "Directory and Handbook" of the Association is now in press and will be received by those who have ordered them within a few days after the receipt of this copy of *HISPANIA*. The Secretary-Treasurer regrets that the slowness with which many members responded to the request for information about their names and position has so long delayed its publication. Beside being a directory of the members, the book contains other valuable matter. See the advertisement in this issue of *HISPANIA*. The reproduction in colors of the seal of the Association is alone worth the price to any member. As the edition is limited those who have not ordered a copy should send fifty cents at once to the Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Alfred Coester, Stanford University, California.